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0X36 ELEMENT X

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ANNOTATION

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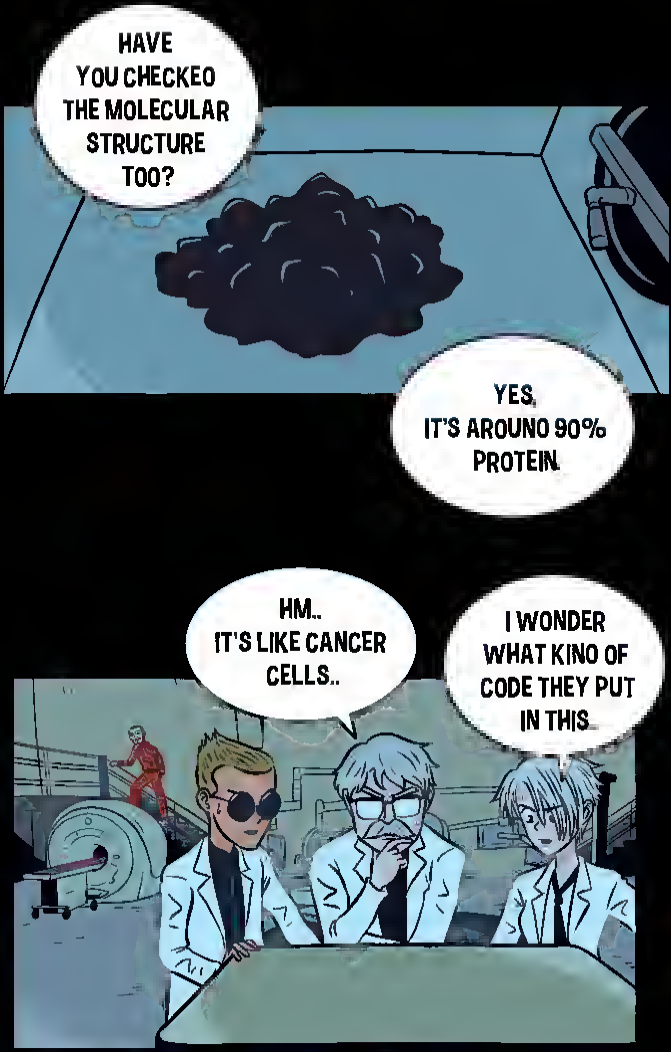
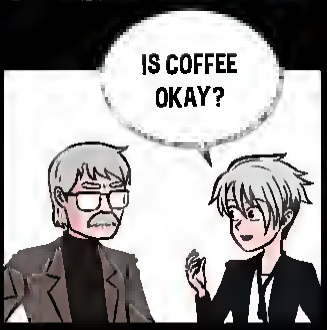
THIS CAME OUT OF HIS BOOY?
OOCTOR WHAT OO YOU THINK?
I OION'T EXPECT MALICIOUS COOE TO HAVE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES LIKE THIS


HAVE YOU CHECKED THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE TOO?
YES, IT'S AROUND 90% PROTEIN.
HM.. IT'S LIKE CANCER CELLS..
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CODE THEY PUT IN THIS.

I HAD BETTER REPORT THIS TO THE ACADEMY.
I SHOULD TAKE THIS TO THE LAB AND DO SOME MORE RESEARCH ON IT.
RIGHT..
CAN I EXTRACT A SAMPLE?

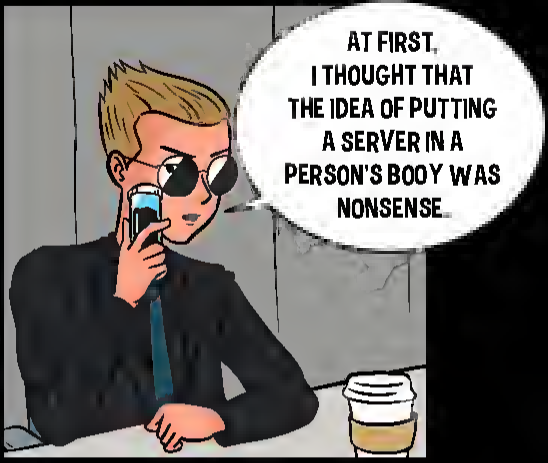
SURE.
OF COURSE.
LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET THE RESULTS LATER.

NOW, COME THIS WAY..


IS COFFEE OKAY?

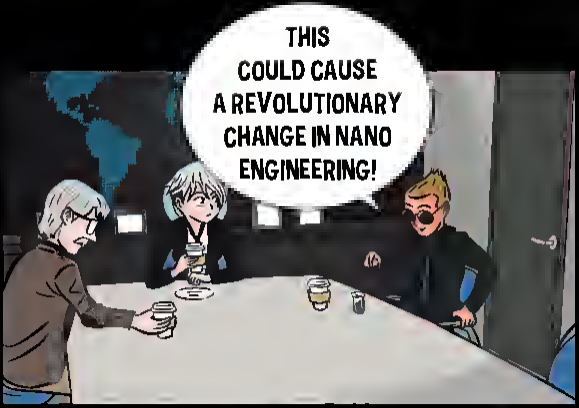
THANK YOU
FOR HELPING US
LIKE THIS.

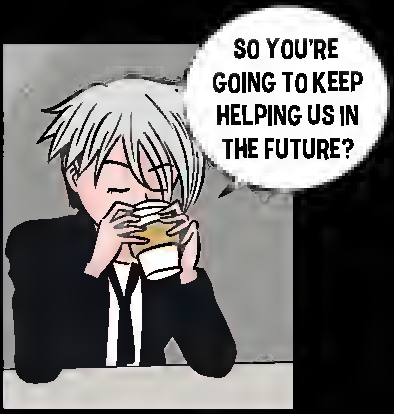
DON'T MENTION IT.. I'M GLAD THAT I GOT TO CHECK OUT THE THINKER PROJECT IN PERSEON.
IT WAS FAR MORE SURPRISING THAN I EXPECTED.
I WAS SURPRISED TOO.


AT FIRST,
I THOUGHT THAT
THE IDEA OF PUTTING
A SERVER IN A
PERSON'S BODY WAS
NONSENSE.

BUT SEEING
MALICIOUS CODE
IN PROTEIN CELLS
LIKE THESE.

MAYBE


THIS
COULD CAUSE
A REVOLUTIONARY
CHANGE IN NANO
ENGINEERING!

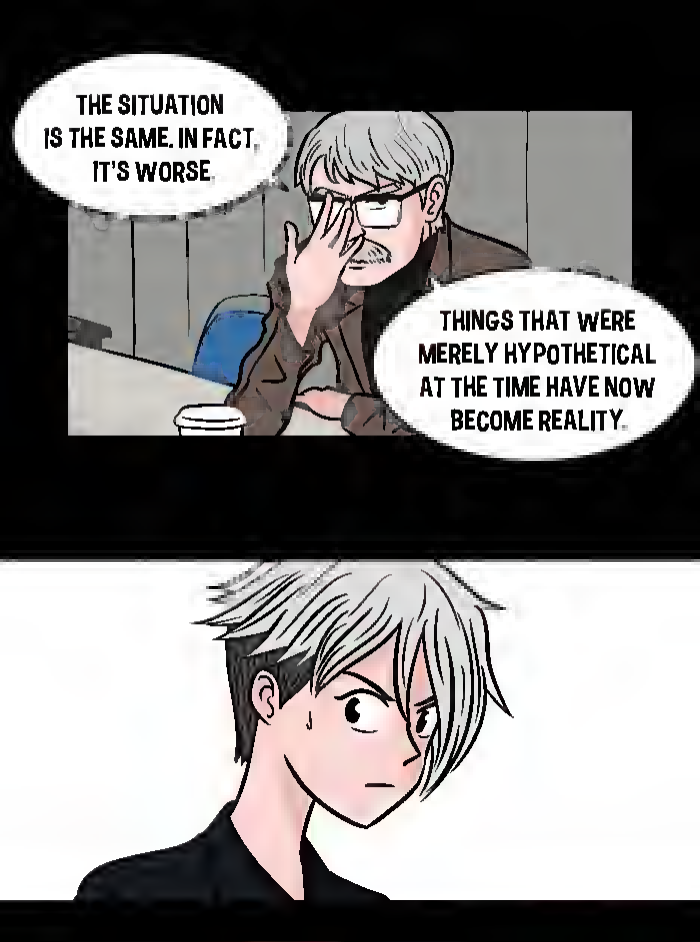

SO YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP HELPING US IN THE FUTURE?

BY THE WAY..

DO YOU KNOW WHY DOCTOR SHIN STOPPED THE PROJECT PARTWAY?

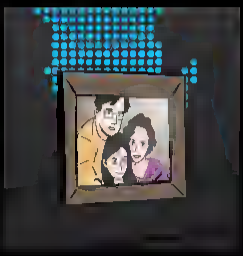
WHAT..??

WELL..
THE PEOPLE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE EXPERIMENT....
BUT THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT NOW!


THE SITUATION IS THE SAME. IN FACT, IT'S WORSE.
THINGS THAT WERE MERELY HYPOTHETICAL AT THE TIME HAVE NOW BECOME REALITY.

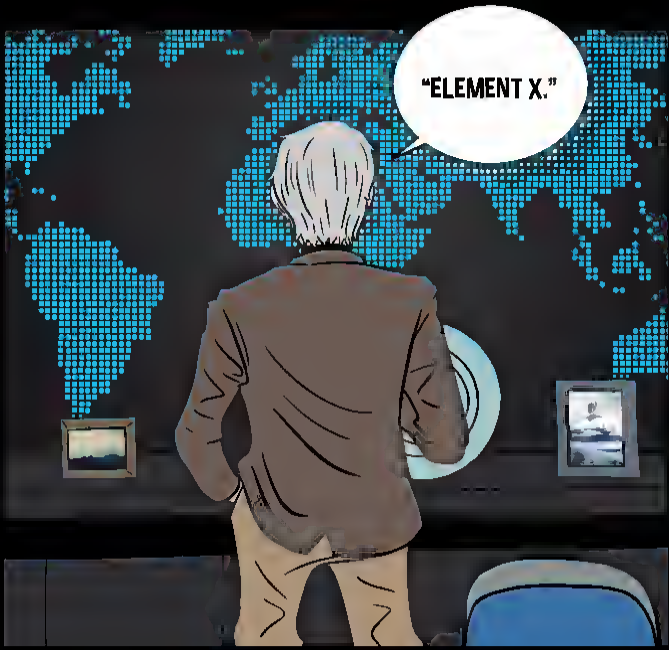
ENHANCING
HUMAN ABILITIES
IS NOT SIMPLY
A TECHNOLOGICAL
ISSUE

YOU THINK THAT AI WOULD DESTROY THE EARTH?

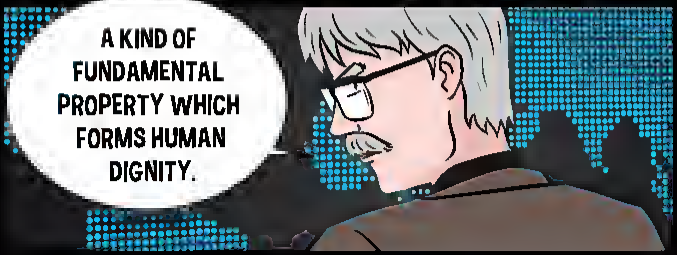


THINK ABOUT IT.

WHY WOULDN'T DOCTOR SHIN HAVE CURED HIS OWN WIFE'S DEMENTIA?
TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, HE WAS CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF DOING SO.


"ELEMENT X."

ELEMENT X..?


A KIND OF FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTY WHICH FORMS HUMAN DIGNITY.

THE REASON THAT DOCTOR SHIN SUSPENDED THE XINKER PROJECT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ELEMENT X.

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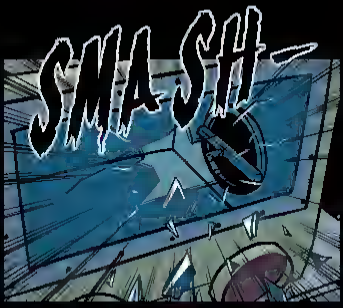
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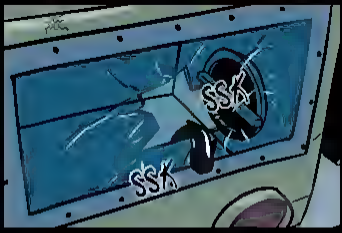
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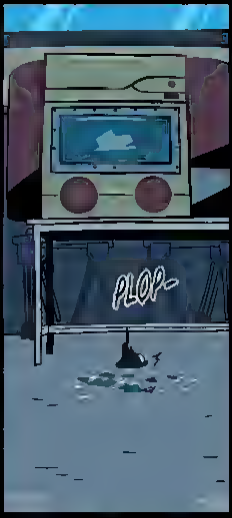
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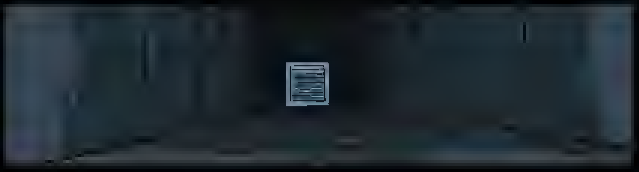
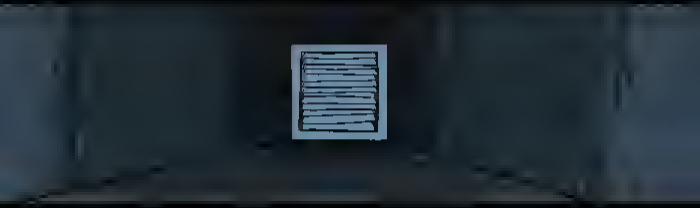
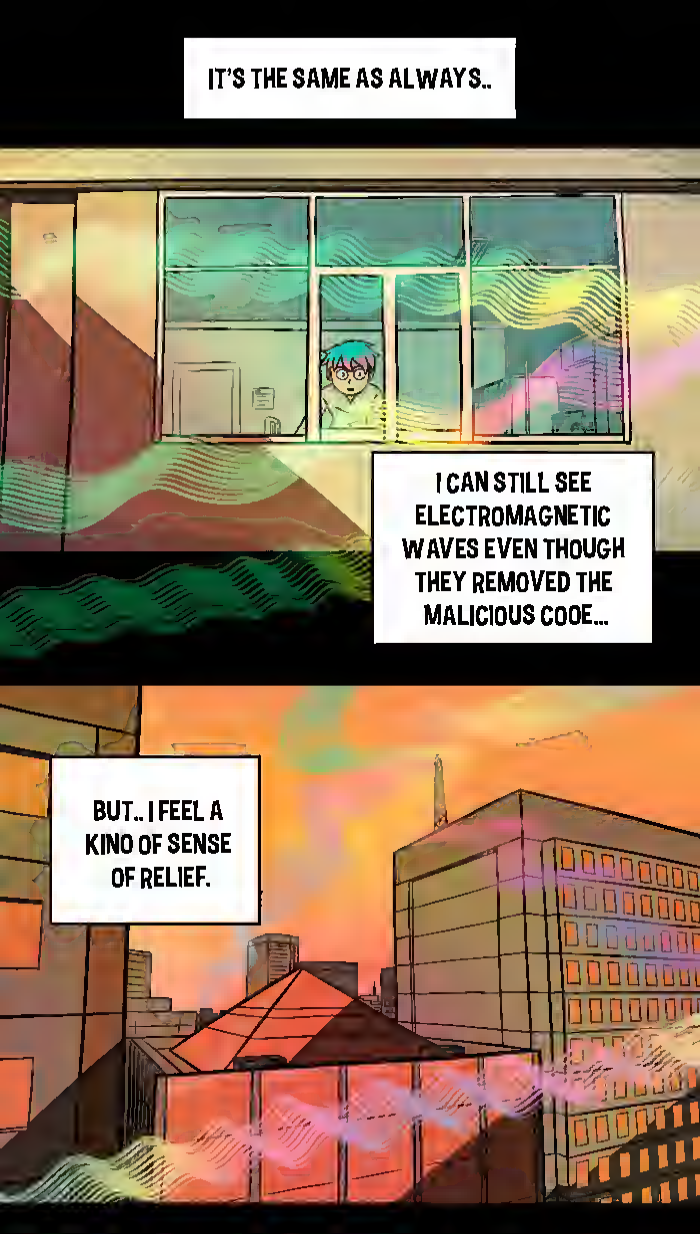
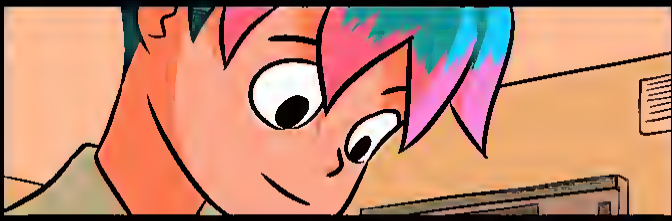




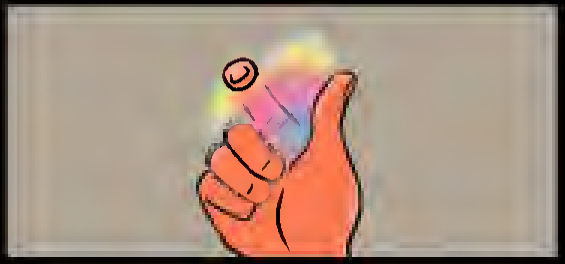

IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS..
I CAN STILL SEE ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES EVEN THOUGH THEY REMOVED THE MALICIOUS CODE...
BUT.. I FEEL A KIND OF SENSE OF RELIEF.

HAVE I GOTTEN USED TO IT?
IT EVEN FEELS

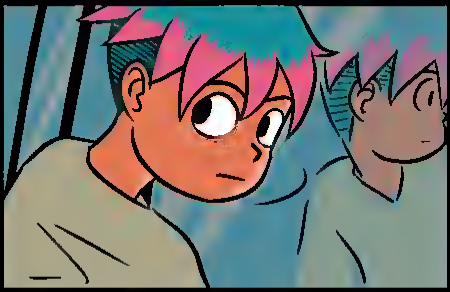
LIKE..

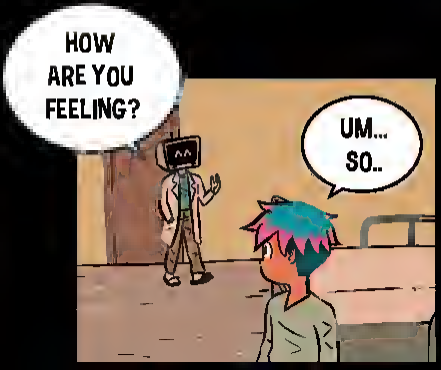


COTTON CANDY.

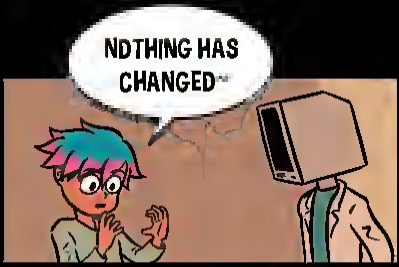


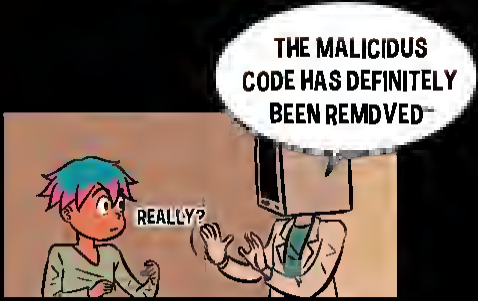
HELLO~
GUTEN TAG~
Hello

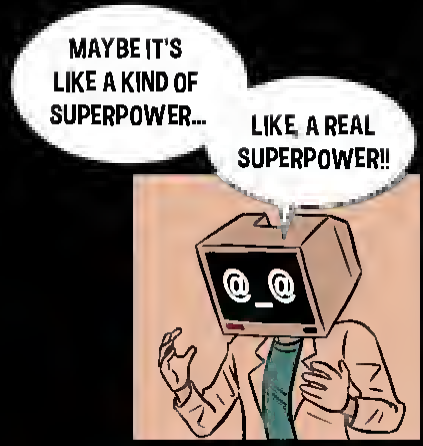



HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
UM... SO..

HAS THAT... MALICIOUS CODE...
REALLY BEEN REMOVED?


NOTHING HAS CHANGED~


THE MALICIOUS CODE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN REMOVED~
REALLY?


MAYBE IT'S LIKE A KIND OF SUPERPOWER...
LIKE, A REAL SUPERPOWER!!
@_@

SUPER.. POWER..?

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT..

THIS.. IS SOMETHING BESIDE MALICIOUS CODE?

YES

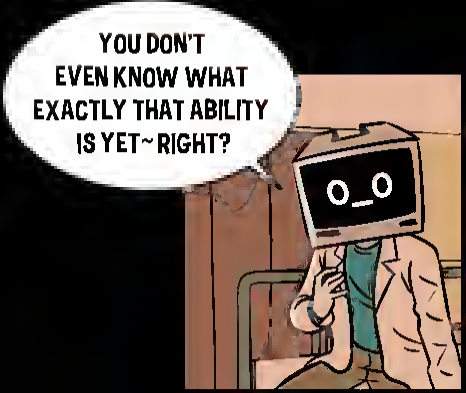
NOW, START THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT ABILITY...

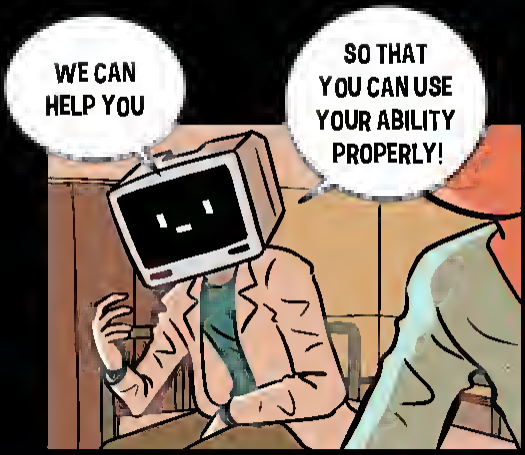
WHAT?
WHAT DO
I HAVE TO THINK
ABOUT?
YOU
KNOW-
WITH GREAT
POWER COMES GREAT
RESPONSIBILITY.

BUT DON'T WORRY~ WE'LL HELP YOU TO BECOME A GOOD HERO~
A GOOD HERO?
WHAT.. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME?

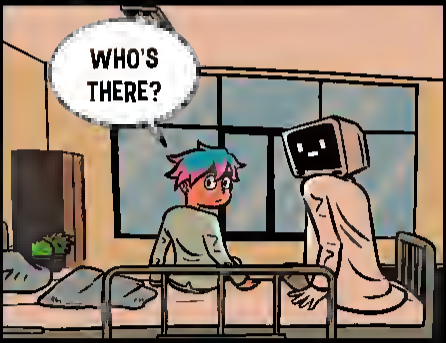
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LOCK ME UP IN SOME WEIRD ROOM AND EXPERIMENT ON ME, ARE YOU??
O_O
N..NO!! NOT AT ALL!!
>_<
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M NOT SURE EITHER WHAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU WITH~ BUT...

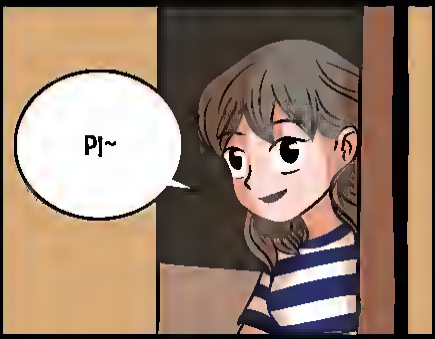
THAT ABILITY IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE ON YOUR OWN


YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT EXACTLY THAT ABILITY IS YET~ RIGHT?
O_O


WE CAN HELP YOU
SO THAT YOU CAN USE YOUR ABILITY PROPERLY!

KNOCK
KNOCK


WHO'S THERE?


PJ~

NARUM?

ARE YOU OKAY?

PSSHH—

SQUIKM
SQUIRM

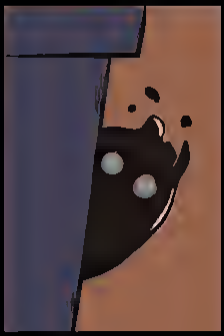
HOW..
DID YOU KNOW
I WAS HERE?

I ASKED
THE MONITOR
GUY-

HERE,
TAKE THIS!

...CHOCOLATE?

I DON'T REALLY LIKE CHOCOLATE THOUGH.
WHACK
JUST EAT IT~

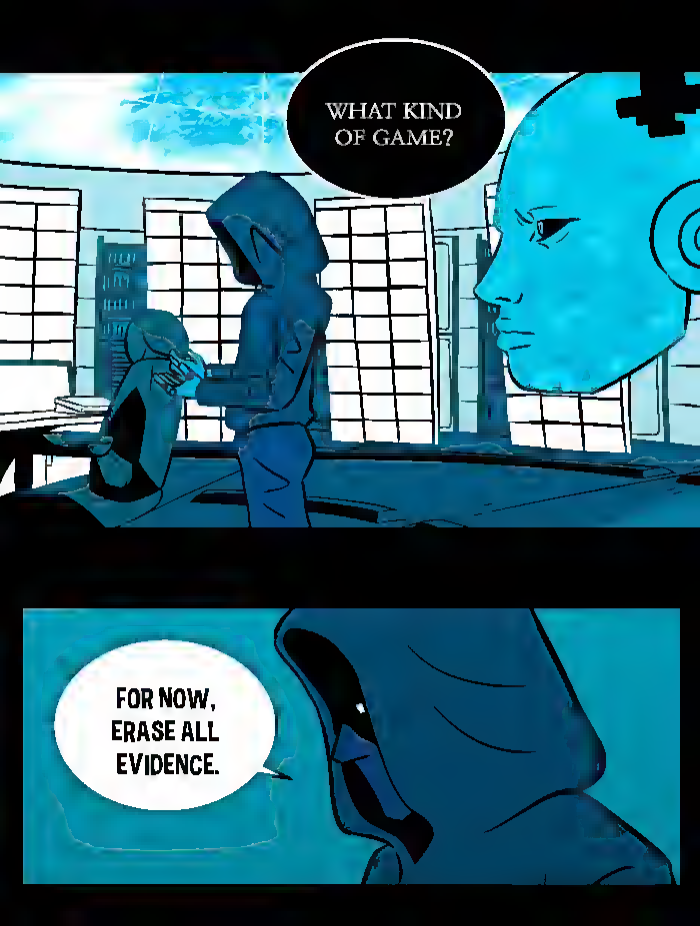


MISSION
COMPLETE

I'VE SECURED THE SAMPLE EXTRACTED FROM TEST SUBJECT NO.3
HSS HSS HSS..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

HSS HSS HSS..

SO. IT'S
TIME TO START
THE GAME.


WHAT KIND OF GAME?
FOR NOW, ERASE ALL EVIDENCE.

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